



## NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

**TO:** Office of Planning and Research  
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**FROM:** Department of Parks and Recreation  
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**PROJECT TITLE:** Vegetation Removal / Fire Break – John Deal, 11193 Hwy 79 (CRSP 132)

**LOCATION:** Cuyamaca Rancho State Park

**COUNTY:** San Diego

**DESCRIPTION OF THE NATURE AND PURPOSE OF PROJECT:** Vegetation removal to comply with the Cal Fire defensible space regulations for property owner John Deal at 11193 Hwy 79, Descanso, CA. Owner is requesting a Boundary Vegetation Modification Right of Entry Permit to weed-whack grass and brush, trim dead branches out of a small oak tree, and clean up debris on park property that is within 100' of his residence.

**PUBLIC AGENCY APPROVING THE PROJECT:** California Department of Parks and Recreation

**NAME OF DIVISION OR DISTRICT CARRYING OUT THE PROJECT:** Colorado Desert District

**EXEMPT STATUS:**

- ☐ Declared Emergency (Section 15269(a))  
☐ Emergency Project (Section 15269(b) and (c))  
☐ Statutory Exemption (Section )  
☒ Categorical Exemption

Class: 4

Section: 15304

**REASONS WHY PROJECT IS EXEMPT:** No potential for significant impact to the environment is anticipated in compliance with CEQA §15300.2. If the project is implemented as indicated within the project description including comments provided by CDPR specialists, then it is exempt under CEQA §15304 – Minor Alterations to Land. The action falls under the Departmental List of Exempt activities according to CEQA §15300.4 as:

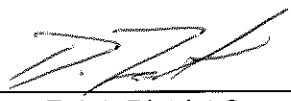
- "Fuel management activities within 100 feet of a structure." (Class 4, Section 15304)
- "Issuance of rights-of-way." (Class 5, Section 15305 – Minor Alterations in Land Use Limitations)

The project consists of the minor public alterations in the condition vegetation which do not involve removal of healthy, mature, scenic trees (class 4).

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